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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Toshihiro Takeda et al.

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CONCENTRATING SYSTEM

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.